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The Outlook For 1945--

Machinery is still rationed and we will get only a small part of our requirements, which we will distribute to the best of our ability.

Repair parts will be more plentiful and with our increased stock and enlarged stock-room, we will give better service than ever before.

Our repair shop is in the hands of a capable mechanic and no matter what ailment your tractor or engine has — we can fix it.

So let's pull together and get our shop work done early — you'll help us and we'll help you.

Here's hoping that 1945 will not only be a year of plenty, but a year of peace.

Thanks for everything.

William Laut

The International Man

Telephone No. 9 Crossfield, Alberta.

Livestock Market

Week-end receipts: Cattle 782, hogs 66, sheep 792.
Of these receipts, 440 cattle and 11 sheep were through-billed. Cattle market active at steady prices.
Hogs sold last week at \$16.25 for A's at yards and plants; sows \$9.50 live weight at yards and plants.
Good lambs \$11.50.
Good to choice butcher steers \$11 to \$11.75, common to medium \$9 to \$10.75; good to choice butcher heifers \$10 to \$10.75, common to medium \$8.50 to \$10.50; good cows \$8 to \$9.50, common to medium \$6.50 to \$7.50; good bulls \$8.50 to \$7, common to medium \$5 to \$6.

Figures for the week ending December 27, 1944:
Sales—Cattle 974, calves 160, hogs 1,006, sheep 372.
Through-billed—Cattle 1,036, calves nil, hogs 281, sheep 974.
B.C. shipments—Cattle 701, calves nil, hogs 488, sheep 824.
U.S.A. exports—Cattle 19, calves nil, hogs nil, sheep 213.

Cattle market good, 25c stronger for the week. Better quality cattle on offer. Few top heavy steers \$11.75; top heifers \$10.75. Good demand for all classes, with good clean-up. Strong demand for stocker and feeder steers. Hogs steady at \$16.25 for Grade A's at yards and plants. Sows \$9.50 live weight at yards and plants. Good heavyweight lambs \$11.25 to \$11.50.
Good to choice butcher steers \$11 to \$11.50, common to medium \$8.50 to \$10.50; good to choice butcher heifers \$9.50 to \$10.75, common to medium \$8 to \$9.25; good cows \$7.75 to \$8.25, common to medium \$6.75 to \$7.50; good bulls \$8.25 to \$7, common to medium \$4.50 to \$6, good to choice veal calves \$9.50 to \$10, common to medium \$7.50 to \$8; good stocker and feeder steers \$9 to \$9.50, common to medium \$7.50 to \$8.50; good stock cows and heifers \$5.50 to \$8.

RUSO-FRENCH PACT

Paris.—The new French-Russian alliance pledges mutual economic and military assistance for at least 20 years and co-operative steps to bar Germany from any future aggression. It was disclosed December 17. The text of the alliance, released by the Quai d'Orsay, declared the two countries were resolved to collaborate in establishing a world organization for peace, and pledged a common, no-quarter struggle until final victory over Germany.

INSEMINATING STATION

An inseminating station has been established at Enderby, B.C., which will serve the whole north end of the Okanagan and Salmon Arm. Six bulls have been purchased.

Smoke Fund Donations

Donations for December:
Mr. Melling 2.00
Robt. Smart 1.00
Chris Christensen 1.00
John Heywood 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Dr. McClelland 1.00
Chas. Fox 5.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. Heekel 5.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. Ballam 5.00
Dance Proceeds 59.00
Total \$77.00

We wish to thank all who help keep our Smoke Fund going. Wishing you all a Happy New Year.
Mrs. W. J. Wood, Secretary.

MILK HEALS WOUNDS

Soviet scientists have developed a paste of pressed milk which is effective in curing wounds. In a Novosibirsk hospital were several men whose wounds healed very slowly. Novosibirsk blocking, ultra violet ray treatment, antiseptics, and permanganate baths not proving much value. The pressed milk paste was applied and the wounds were soon well again. During the past several months this paste was used in all the Leningrad hospitals.

NEW TAR SAND PLANT TO BE CONSTRUCTED

Premier Manning announced in Edmonton on December 3 an experimental pilot plant to ascertain the economic feasibility of separating oil products from oil sand. The plant will be erected at Bitumont, 250 miles north of Edmonton. The Alberta government has completed arrangements for erection of the plant under a \$250,000 expenditure authorized by the Legislature last spring, and that the plant will be completed and in operation within a year.

LLOYD GEORGE GIVEN EARLDOM BY KING

David Lloyd George, veteran British parliamentarian, who is retiring from the House of Commons after 54 years as member for Carnarvon borough, was made an Earl in the New Year's Honors List.

ROCKEFELLER COMPANY SOLD FOR \$13,000,000

Controlling interest in the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co., an important link in the great industrial empire built by the elder John D. Rockefeller, has been sold by the Rockefeller family to a New York investment group. The transaction totaled about \$13,000,000.

MEDICAL CARE FOR SASKATCHEWAN BLIND

Calling it a "practical Christmas message from the people of Saskatchewan to their old folks, lonely mothers, dependent children and a number of blind persons," Hon. O. W. Vail, acting minister of public health, announced medical care provisions for these groups effective as of January 1. Medical and surgical services, hospitalization and drugs required by eligible persons will be paid for by the department of health, subject to certain restrictions and provided applicants are approved by the social welfare department. Some 25,000 persons will benefit from this step.

U.K. AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN RESIGNS

Lord Templewood, British ambassador to Spain, has resigned, the British Foreign Office in London announced recently. The announcement said Lord Templewood, the former Sir Samuel Hoare, accepted the appointment in May, 1940, and "at that time it was expected the mission would be of short duration. Now he feels his purpose has come when he can be relieved."

Coupon Calendar

Ration coupons currently valid:
Butter coupons 86 to 91.
Sugar coupons 14 to 49; canning sugar coupons F1 to F10.
Preserves coupons 1 to 34.
All coupons in Books 3 and 4 expired December 31.

My Dear People of the Diocese of Calgary:—

From time to time we have been bidden by authority in church and state to set aside certain days as Days of Prayer to Almighty God for His blessing upon our undertaking in this present war in the cause of righteousness, justice, freedom and peace. It seems to me that during the past few months, when success has crowned our efforts in this war, we have seen what taken this success for granted and not shown our gratitude to Almighty God for His blessings upon us, nor felt the necessity of interceding for His help.

In the closing days of this year, we find ourselves facing grave crises of parliamentary strain, both in Canada and the motherland, and grievous unrest and intestine strife in liberated countries, and reverses on the European front. I therefore call the clergy and people of this Diocese to a Solemn Day of Prayer to Almighty God on the first Sunday in the New Year, January 7, 1945, urging them to give to Almighty God heartfelt thanks for His mercies to us in the success He has granted to us, and to pray that if He be pleased, He will strengthen our hands to fulfill His purpose of peace on earth, and justice between man and man.

Very sincerely,
Your friend and Bishop,
RICHARD, CALGARY

Local News

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Priest, a son, in the Grace Hospital, on Dec. 20th.

Things must be looking up, Fred Baker is sporting a brand new International truck.

We would like to publish the curing and hockey news if somebody will be good enough to hand it in to Harry May.

Floral P.W.A. will meet at the Church Parlors on Jan. 10th. Hostess Mrs. J. Schofield. Bring your dues and prizes of war fund.

A ratepayer wants to know just who was elected to the School Board and what was the supposed boner pulled at the annual meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cissell have received word that their son, Corporal J. C. Cissell has been seriously wounded.

Birthday celebrations for the coming week include the following: Mrs. J. Priest, Mrs. J. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cissell have received word that their son, Corporal J. C. Cissell has been seriously wounded.

The holiday dances were very well attended and the Smokes Fund wish to thank all who helped and enjoyed the dances. The members who wished to attend, this was unfortunate and it is hoped that a remedy can be found before the next supper of the Club.

The holiday season seems to have passed off quietly in this neighborhood, everybody had visitors, were visiting, and all kinds of Army and Air Force personnel were on hand either at home or visiting friends.

Owing to lack of space we were unable to print all the Christmas greeting ads. We are sorry but with the help and understanding of paper there was little we could do about it.

Notice to Subscribers

Note the date on your label this time, you are due to which you pay. Under present conditions and regulations we are not permitted to carry subscriptions.

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Council held on January 2nd was mostly of a routine nature. An application from G. D. Holmes of Carleton Place to build a garage for his car was tabled for further consideration.

Local cattle feeders are taking advantage of the slight rise in the price of beef cattle, and quite a number have been shipped lately. Amery & Sons shipped out five cars and Geo. Jones three. Everett Smith, with others trucking in loads daily.

At the Radio Auction Sale over station CJOJ on behalf of the Children's Red Cross Hospital, in which the sum of \$125.00 was donated by Mr. Bernard who brought \$125.00 and "Juke" passed to his new owner, Mrs. Templewood.

Alf, Edlund of our local drug store has been said up for the past ten days with a severe attack of the flu. Glad to state he is getting the better of the man with the scythe and is well on the way to recovery. Mrs. Edlund has been doing the needful at the drug store during Alf's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Landmore put Crossfield on the map again when their new baby boy was the first child born in Calgary in 1945. Mother and baby were recipients of the many useful and valuable presents, given annually by the merchants of Calgary to the first babies born in the New Year.

Mr. Bowden of the Crossfield school teaching staff has been transferred to the Division School at Bowness and Andersburg who substituted here at the beginning of the term is back again this time a member of the permanent staff. This move won the approval of the high school students who expressed it in no uncertain manner.

The pupils of Grade 2 and 3 and 4 at our local school adopted the method of raffie to raise funds for the purpose of the supervision of their teacher Christmas party. The pupils of Grade 2 and 3 raffied off two boxes of chocolates; one of which was won by Mr. Bowden. The pupils of Grade 4 raffied off a turkey. This was won by Lucky Jim Cumming.

GENERAL TRUCKING WANTED.
FRANK L. PRIEST, Madden, Phone

Butter Coupons Valid Singly

Commencing January 1, butter coupons became valid singly, instead of in pairs, the Wartime Prices Control Board announced. Validity dates from January through April. The second, third and fourth Thursday of January, February and March, and the first, second and third Thursday of April. All butter coupons in Ration Book 5 will remain valid until declared invalid. This includes butter coupons 90 and 91 which became valid December 28. Butter coupons in Books 3 and 4 expired December 31, along with all preserves and sugar coupons in those books.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

FOR SALE—28 Feeder Pigs, 125 lbs and up; also 20 Weaners. Apply to STEVE NABARDYK, Crossfield.

LOST—Roan Cow, from the Voden place about Nov. 20th.
48-51P P. MASSIE, Madden.

FOR SALE—Banded White Holland Turkeys. Toms A \$15.00; A's \$12.00; A's Hens \$10.00.
MRS. HARVEY MCCOOL, Box 96, Crossfield.

FOR SALE—1937 Dodge Coach in good running order and good tires.
48-11 A. L. FIKES, Madden.

STRAYED—Near town, a black and white cow. Owner pay for this ad. Apply at Chronicle office. 48-11

FOR SALE—Registered Hereford Bull Calves. Horned and Polled.
48-51P T. PRIEST, Madden.

The annual chicken supper of the Crossfield Fish and Game Association held recently was voted a huge success. The highlight of the evening was a picture show put on by W. C. Fisher, President of the Canadian Section of Ducks Unlimited. The pictures shown was a reel taken by himself showing fishing on Vancouver Island and a sound picture of the Battle for Britain. The only drawback to the evening being the fact that the dining room could not accommodate all the members who wished to attend, this was unfortunate and it is hoped that a remedy can be found before the next supper of the Club.

REVOKES JAP ORDER

The United States War Department on Sunday revoked its order excluding all persons of Japanese ancestry from the United States west coast.

A SOCIAL NOTE

Harvard Alumni Bulletin, under its usual list of "Class Notes," "Franklin D. Roosevelt, Grad. '03-'04, LL. D., '28. No Change of Address."

10,000TH CAR OF 1944

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
British Columbia Tree Fruits Ltd. marked a milestone achievement on November 31 when the 10,000th car of this year's fruit and vegetable crop was moved from the valley to market.

FRENCH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTS DE GAULLE

The French consultative assembly in Paris ended a secret session on December 4, after a unanimous vote of confidence in the De Gaulle government. The debate, which was on national defence, enabled delegates to hear from the ministers of war, the navy, and air, reassuring details of the situation. De Gaulle left the secret session with an optimistic impression.

WHY CHICKENS HATCH

Teacher: "Do you know why the little chickens come out of the eggs, Tommy?"
Tommy: "They know they'd get cooked if they stayed inside."—Exchange.

CHURCH SERVICES

THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
ANGLICAN SERVICES
Sunday, January 7th
Evening at 7.30 p.m.
Rev. F. C. MUSSON, Vicar

UNITED CHURCH
Minister: Rev. J. V. Howey, B.A.
Church Services in connection with the United Church for Sunday next, January 7th are as follows:
Crossfield—Sunday School at 11.00 a.m. Evening Service at 7.30 p.m.

L.T.-GEN. FOULKE HEADS CANADIANS IN ITALY
Rome, Dec. 8.—The first Canadian Corps in Italy is now commanded by Lt.-Gen. Charles Foulke, of London, Ont., an Allied commander who has succeeded the late Gen. E. M. Burns, under whose leadership the Canadians helped break the German and Hitler lines, and later led the assault on the Gothic line and the eventual breakthrough to the Lombard plains at Rimini.

Gen. Burns returns to the rank of major-general in the new change in which he takes over as general officer commanding Canadian lines of communication and officer-in-charge of Canadian operations, Lt. Echelon, British 21st Army Group in Northwest Europe.

GANDHI'S MEDAL

(Manchester Guardian)
"When he was in South Africa he was on active service with an ambulance corps in the Zulu War and also in the Boer War. In the Boer War he was often under fire, and carried Lord Robert's mortally wounded son out of action; in that campaign he gained a distinguished service medal. So when the Mr. Gandhi of today salutes courage in others, his gesture is by no means that of a personally untried admirer of the virtue in question."

IMPORTANT OIL STRIKE IN COCHRANE DISTRICT

"It looks like another Turner Valley," said several responsible oil men here, following the announcement of a heavy flow of wet gas over the week-end, and thereby establishing a new field with almost unlimited potentialities.
A test made Saturday afternoon the well produced gas at the rate of 6,500,000 cubic feet daily in bursts of potency, all between depths of 9,536 feet and 9,860 feet. Top of the Madison is 9,618 feet.

MacTavish purchased a pair of boots, which were guaranteed for a year. After eleven months he returned and complained that they were not standing up to the guarantee.
"Are you sure they fit you all right?" asked the manager.
"They fit me a right," was the reply, "but my brother on night shift, says they're a bit too tight for him."

The POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Government of Alberta

To build a "WORK FILE"—a reservoir of jobs for our returning active service men and women, challenges every citizen and all forms of industry and business in Alberta. The key to adequate post-war rehabilitation is EMPLOYMENT.

WHAT ARE THE FACTS?

For the purpose of organizing and securing the co-operation of householders, farmers and business men throughout Alberta, a Survey Management Committee has been set up as a FACT FINDING BODY to seek out the location of jobs and job-making opportunities for the post-war WORK FILE.

25 REGIONS IN ALBERTA

The Province has been divided into 25 regions for the purpose of making a thorough and comprehensive job survey. Each region is headed by its own Regional Committee, located in a central community.

YOUR FACT-FINDER WILL CALL SOON

A representative from your Regional Committee will call on you during the period between January 15th and 31st. You can help by answering his questions willingly and accurately. The information will be of direct benefit to those who are now fighting our battles for us.

WATCH FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THIS PAPER AND ON THE RADIO.

SURVEY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Qu'Appelle Building — Edmonton

Britain's War Effort

IT HAS BEEN APPARENT since the beginning of the war that the people of Britain have faced the danger, discomfort and privation which they have been called upon to endure, with courage and optimism. They have experienced to the full the "blood, sweat and tears" which Mr. Churchill promised in his famous speech, delivered at a time when Britain's future appeared far from bright, but there has never been any indication of defeatism. Britain has been under frequent air attack throughout the war, and added to this has suffered continued shortage of many items essential to comfort, including food, fuel and clothing. In addition there has been the blackout. In spite of this, the British people have played a leading part in building up the great structure of men and materials which has at last out-matched Germany's military might.

Details Were Not Revealed

For security reasons details of Britain's contribution to the Allied victory were not revealed until recently, when Mr. Brendan Bracken, the British Minister of Information, made them public in a White Paper entitled "Statistics Relating to the War Effort of the United Kingdom." In this paper it is stated that "the total war effort of the population of Britain is greater than that of any other belligerent," and there are many figures to prove the extent to which British resources, both human and material, have been mobilized. From a population of about 47,000,000, the armed forces have numbered 4,500,000 men and 500,000 women. On the industrial front the workers have turned out 70 per cent. of all the munitions produced by or made available to the British Empire. These included 102,000 airplanes, 4,500,000 tons of shipping, 25,000 tanks, and nearly 4,000,000 machine guns.

Much Money Has Been Required

The money required to maintain this level of production has reached enormous proportions. Government expenditures, the White Paper states, have increased from four billions a year, at the outbreak of the war, to twenty-three billions. Carrying out this great undertaking has necessitated many financial sacrifices for the people of Britain, both individually, and as a nation. Assets amounting to more than four billions abroad have been sold and the foreign debt has increased by nine billions in the past five years. During this same period, exports on a commercial basis have been reduced by more than fifty per cent. Commenting on this aspect of Britain's war effort, Mr. Bracken wrote: "We have sacrificed most of our Victorian inheritance. What was the treasure of our grandfathers has gone, and it has been well and gladly sacrificed." The people of Britain, said the Minister, should take great pride in the facts revealed in this White Paper.

PATENTS

AN OFFER TO EVERY INVENTOR. List of inventions. The RAMSAY COMPANY, Registered Patents, Attorneys, 573 Bank Street, Ottawa, Canada.

Human Interest Stories

Are Ample Proof That Most Editors Have Kind Hearts

Editors do have hearts despite all assertions to the contrary by reporting gentlemen of the press. They cut and "kill" without compunction, but just let a good "human interest" story come along, and the milk of human kindness is discernible even to those who swear that nothing but black ink runs through an editor's veins. Picking at random some of the stories of the week:

The light at Eighth Avenue and 54th in the world's busiest city flashes three times from red to green before Patrolman Reilly gives the go-ahead signal. Not until a little while back has drunk his fill of milk spilled from a 30-gallon can, and has retired to the sidewalk lapping his paws, is traffic allowed to proceed. And it's news worth precious space.

Another member of New York's feline family watching the procession of letters down a mail chute, and vainly trying to eat them as they pass, enters room in the papers.

A lonesome pup, searching for his missing master at a busy New Orleans intersection for 48 hours, stands on his hind legs to view occupants of passing cars. His vigil earns him a two-column picture.

And somehow these little items, telling of kindness, simple amusement, and loyalty help make not only editors but the war news itself seem less formidable.—Christian Science Monitor.

Might Be Original

Vancouver Man May Have Copy of First Canadian Newspaper

What may be the first newspaper printed in Canada was uncovered when Larry Wilson, proprietor of a Vancouver book shop, obtained a copy of the Quebec Gazette, published on Thursday, June 21, 1764.

Mr. Wilson found the ancient Gazette in a Vancouver auction room, noted the yellow appearance and the peculiar type faces and thought he had a treasure.

Because of the many forgeries which surround first editions, however, he immediately started an investigation to ascertain if his copy was an original or a forgery.

He has had correspondence with the library of Congress at Washington, the Boston Public Library, the Public Archives of Canada, McGill University, the Public Library of Toronto, and the late Douglas C. McMurrie, noted historian of printing. None of his sources could verify if the copy was authentic but some pointed out that facsimiles were published in 1869.

The paper is printed in English and French and agitated about a scheme which was afoot to tax "our American colonies."

Until 1867, Alaska was designated on maps as Russian America.

Keeping Dry



The rains of autumn fall to dampen the spirit or the person of this Canadian soldier who keeps dry—in no military manner—while hiking to the Canadian front in Holland, where the downpour is almost continuous. The scrounged bumbuster comes in very handy here—the horn is for lighter moments.

Enjoys Good Time

Prime Minister Churchill Joins Sing-Song Aboard British Cruiser

Winston Churchill sang "Walking Matilda" aboard a British cruiser during one of his visits in Normandy. The story is told by Lt. Peter Taylor, R.A.N.V.R., of Western Australia. Mr. Churchill was in the captain's cabin and using the cruiser as his headquarters when he was attracted to the wardroom by sounds of extreme merriment during a sing-song. He heard a number of officers referring to Taylor, who is a bright spark, as "Digger." Mr. Churchill, after asking the captain's permission, asked to be introduced to him. Then Mr. Churchill said: "I would like to hear you sing 'Walking Matilda'." Lt. Taylor sang the song, with Mr. Churchill, and other officers lustily joining in the chorus. "Mr. Churchill was grinning all round his cigar and looking like a real old British bulldog," Lt. Taylor said. "He said to me—'That's the song the Australians sang entering Bardia. Those days we were all alone.' I then somewhat cheekily replied: 'Not alone. The Australians were always there.' Winston just grinned and patted me on the back. Mr. Churchill then asked everyone to sing 'Rule Britannia,' and he led the chorus."

The University of Paris was the model for Oxford and Cambridge.

Price Control And Rationing Information

Q—I was married last month, please tell me what to do about the name and address on my ration book.
A—Advise your Local Ration Board of your present address, not forgetting to give them at the same time your maiden name and ration book number—be sure to change the name and address on your ration book to conform with your present status.

Q—I have been discharged from the Air Force and they did not give me any ration book. How do I get one?

A—I would advise you to get in touch with your Local Ration Board and your new ration book will be issued. It will be necessary to present either your discharge papers or a letter signed by the Commanding Officer where you were discharged. Do not waste any time in applying for your book, otherwise you will have to forfeit the coupons covering the period from the time of discharge to the time of application for a ration book.

Q—Are canning sugar coupons still valid?
A—Yes, the first ten "B" canning sugar coupons are still valid but only until December 31. These coupons are included in ration book number 8. After the end of December ration books 3 and 4 will be of no further use to you and may be destroyed after that date.

Q—I have given a one year subscription to a magazine as a Christmas gift for the past few years and have always paid \$1.00 for it. This year they have raised the price to \$1.50. Is this permitted?

A—The price of newspapers, magazines and periodicals are exempt from Prices Board regulations.

Please send your questions or your request for the pamphlet "Consumers' News" or the Blue Book in which you keep track of your rationing privileges mentioning the name of this paper to the nearest Wartime Prices and Trade Board office in your province.

Prevent Floods

Proposals Are Being Studied For Post-War Work

The prairie farm rehabilitation administration announced that measures to prevent spring flooding in Brandon, Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg areas of Manitoba along the Assiniboine river now are being studied for proposed post-war projects.

The proposed work would include construction of two reservoirs in Saskatchewan, at Annie Laurie lake and Lomond lake, providing a capacity of 2,722,500 gallons of water. Larger reservoirs would have to be built northwest of Brandon, at St. Lazare and near Shellmouth in Manitoba with the St. Lazare dam some 60 feet in height.

MORE CARE REQUIRED

Canadian wool must be marketed in better condition if it is to hold its own with other wools according to J. A. Telfer, in charge of sheep production for the Dominion Department of Agriculture. The chief trouble is dirtiness, which can be greatly reduced by a little care in handling.

Something Hot For Lunch



Youngsters enjoy something hot for lunch at school and only the simplest equipment is needed for this type of school lunch plan. The children bring all their lunch from home and included is one dish to be heated. A covered jar prevents spills in the lunch box, and each child's jar is marked with his name. At recess the jars are collected and placed in a pan of water on the stove. When the twelve o'clock bell rings the contents are piping hot. Popular with the children in the rural Manitoba school in which this picture was taken are cream soup, stew, baked beans and creamed vegetables with cheese.

A Few Drops

Up Each Nostril Quickly Relieve

Stiffness of Catarrh

Specialized Medication Works Fast
Right Where Trouble Is!

Soothing relief from stuffy, painful distress of acute catarrh comes fast as Va-tro-nol spreads through the nose, reduces swollen membranes—soothes irritation, relieves congestion, helps flush out cold-clogged nasal passages. Makes breathing easier—try it! Follow directions in package.

VICKS
VA-TRO-NOL

A Great Craft

First Guild Of Silversmiths Formed In England In 1180

The history of English silver goes back to 1180, when the first Guild of Silversmiths was formed. In 1383 the word "sterling" was coined by Edward III, to denote articles made of unadulterated silver, 925 pure. Ever since the first guild was formed silver has been marked with what is known as a hall mark, a mark peculiar to the individual maker and indicating to the initiated, maker, date, etc. All early silver was marked with some mark, each city having its own—e.g. London the leopard, Sheffield the crown. All Scotch silver bore the mark of the thistle; all Irish the figure of a Harp.

The earliest English silver, was mostly church-plate, the work of craftsmen monks, who fashioned lovingly the beautiful Communion vessels. Later, silver became secular and drinking-horns, tankards, beakers and tea-caddies played their part in the life of the people. There was a strange fad, too, in early times for coconut shells and ostrich eggs mounted in exquisite silver designs. With the use of salt came the great silver salt-dishes, set in the centre of the long board, to mark the gradation of rank above and below the salt. During the early centuries, fingers being the only implements for eating, magnificent silver basins and ewers graced the feast, being the giant finger-bowls of the time.

During the 14th-century spoons came into favor, developing from crude wooden articles into elegant silver utensils. One development of these, the famed apostle spoon, is the joy of collectors of today. About 1620, forks began to be used, but not till the 16th century, did cutlery, as we use it now—knives, forks and spoons—come into general use. To Queen Anne we owe much of our table nicety of today.

To England, about 1658, came the hitherto unknown Chinese herb, tea, bringing to that land of fog and copy freedom not only the genial custom of tea-drinking, but, also, by degrees, all the elaborate silver paraphernalia of a stately social ritual. First came the teapot closely followed by the teacaddy, and tea-caddis spoons. About 1700, came the sugar-bowl (the generous bowl of old times), while about 1760 the tea-urn made its first appearance. About 1790, the complete tea-service was produced in all its silver beauty.

In 1742, a chemist discovered by accident that silver and copper could be mixed. From this discovery developed Sheffield plate, and silver, which had belonged exclusively to the wealthy, became possible for people of moderate means. Up till 1840, hand-made Sheffield plate of great beauty was produced in large quantities in England. In 1840, the discovery of electro-plating ended the day of the hand-made Sheffield.

Use Franchise

Compulsory Voting Is Urged For Citizens Of Canada

Compulsory voting in Canada was urged at Toronto by National President Walter G. Attridge, Montreal, of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Canada.

Necessity for "get out and vote" campaigns is a "crime" in such a country as Canada, said Attridge, who described the Junior Chamber's drive with that objective.

Three Canadian cities registered less than a 27 per cent. vote in municipal elections, he told the Young Men's Section of the Toronto Board of Trade.

NOT HIS RESPONSIBILITY

The wife of a recently-married Aberdeen had successfully undergone an operation for appendicitis. A day or two after the operation her husband was having a whisky with the doctor, who in a moment of forgetfulness mentioned that the operation should have taken place two or three years earlier.

The father-in-law received the bill.

Meat Contracts

British Food Minister States What Canada Will Supply

Food Minister J. J. Llewellyn told a press conference in London that arrangements were going forward for conclusion of contracts with Canada for supply of bacon, ham and beef in 1946. He did not elaborate.

During this year and 1945, the food minister told the House of Commons, Nov. 15, Canada will supply a minimum 50,000,000 pounds of beef each year and the United Kingdom would purchase a maximum of 112,000,000 pounds this year and 134,000,000 in 1945.

SMILE AWHILE

Cyril: "You may spurn me, but remember I shall not always be a clown at \$20 a week."
Mabel: "That's just the trouble. You may lose your job at any time."

"This is a great country, Pat."
"Apply how's that?"
"The paper says you can buy a folve dollar money order for six cents."

"My father has influenza all the time."
"Doesn't he know that whiskey is good for influenza?"
"Yes, that's why he has it all the time."

Male Strapholder: "Madame, you are standing on my foot."
Female Dittie: "I beg your pardon, I thought it belonged to the man sitting down."

Secretary: "Do you know what time I have to get up to be here by?"
Office Manager: "Why not get here by nine and find out?"

"I am very worried about my son's health."
"What has he got?"
"A motorcycle."

"Did you hear about that delicate hint Mr. Hangan got last night?"
"No."
Well, Edith found that looking at the clock and other familiar devices were of no avail, so she asked for some refreshments, and her mother sent in a dish of breakfast food."

Neighbor (sympathetically)—
And I know how those years must seem to you.

Deserted Wife—Yes, but I remember when he left just as if it had been yesterday—how he stood at the door holding it open until six flies got into the house.

"Hey, Bill!" yelled the electrician to his helper, "grab hold of one of those wires."
"O.K." said Bill. "I've got one."

"Feel anything?"
"Nope."
"Good! I wasn't sure which way which. Don't touch the other!"

The tired-looking man sat facing the solicitor.

"And so you want a divorce for your wife?" said the latter. "Aren't your relations pleasant, then?"
"Mine are," answered the other wearily, "but hers are perfectly horrid."

Mr. Pester: "That's a pretty woman that just passed us."
Mrs. Pester—H'm! She's wearing her last season's hat, her puffs don't match her hair, her waist hangs up in the back and her skirt sags on one side. Men never notice anything.

SOON WEAR OUT

For every 100 combat rifles that go overseas, 80 will have to be replaced within a year. For every hundred machine guns sent, the ratio is 85 annual replacements.

The most important mineral substances required in food are the salts of iron, iodine, phosphorus, calcium (lime), manganese, potassium, and soda.

FULL PRODUCTION

High Cash Income Is Ahead Of The Canadian Farmers

Another year of full production and high cash income is ahead of the Canadian farmers, according to the objectives set at the conference at Ottawa. The importance of the huge amount of food products for which the Canadian farmers are responsible could not be exaggerated. The question of labor shortage and of how hard the farmers and their families will have to work next year will depend on when the war is finished in Europe.

All the milk that can be produced. All the creamery butter and cheese that can be produced. All the hogs and beef cattle that can be raised.

These are the chief objectives. An increase in beef cattle of seven per cent. is expected, but it is thought that hog production will drop six per cent. because of some tendency to cash in on the coarse grain now at high prices, rather than feed them to hogs.

A reduction in wheat acreage and an increase in coarse grains is advised, and this is regarded as a good permanent policy in view of the uncertain future demand for wheat. The objective set for wheat is 23,500,000 acres, a reduction of eight per cent. from this year. An increase of 12 per cent. in the acreage of oats, and a ten per cent. increase in barley, are recommended.

Other objectives are an increase in eggs to 422,000,000 dozen, and increases in oil-bearing crops such as flax, sunflower, rapeseed and soy beans; tobacco, corn and beans.

While the farmers are engaged in an important part of the war effort, they are also improving their position very greatly by paying off their debts and laying by the money for extensive improvements in their farms and their equipment when peace comes.—Winnipeg Free Press

Put Into Storage

Beautiful 17th Century Bridge Has Disappeared Until After War

The beautiful 17th century Pack horse bridge over the River Derwent in the High Peak district in England, where Yorkshire joins Derbyshire, has disappeared until after the war. It has gone into storage with every stone numbered and accurate detailed drawings available for its reconstruction later on at Slippery Stones, a ford six miles higher up, where it is difficult to cross when the river is in flood.

The money necessary for this work has been publicly subscribed as a tribute to John Berry, one of Sheffield's eminent citizens. He was a journalist and Justice of the Peace and the people chose this plan as a fitting tribute to his civic, political and commercial work for Sheffield.

Thorough-going, far-sighted people, those Britons.

THE THINNEST THING

The thinnest thing ever made by man, a sheet of plastic 2-1,000,000ths of an inch or about 10-atoms thick, has been announced by the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N.Y. The film will be used in making electron microscope pictures, where magnifications run up to 50,000 diameters.

Feed Grains

Supply In Canada Is Said To Be Adequate

The supply of feed grains in Canada in relation to live-stock numbers is adequate to maintain a continued high level of production of meats, dairy products, and eggs in the crop year 1944-45, states the Canadian Coarse Grains Quarterly Review. Hay supplies in Eastern Canada are less satisfactory.

The cut-turn of the 1943 grain crops has not only proved exceptionally favourable but the geographical distribution of these crops has been such as to ease the transportation problem created by the necessity of moving feed to deficit areas. During the crop year 1943-44, about 29 million bushels of wheat, 52 million bushels of oats and 38 million bushels of barley were moved to the eastern provinces and to British Columbia under the Freight Assistance Policy. The better 1944 crops harvested in Eastern Canada, particularly in Ontario, will permit a reduction in the volume of these shipments in 1944-45. The record of claims made under the Freight Assistance indicates that a substantial reduction has already taken place.

Successful Escape

Officer Of Allied Forces Got Away From Japanese Prison Camp

The Quebec Chronicle Telegraph in a front page story reported the successful escape of an officer of the Allied forces from a Japanese prisoner of war camp early last summer.

The article said that the escaped officer had written to a relative at Quebec, explaining that his letter had been delayed due to difficulties in communication from China where he found refuge.

While no names have been released, it was learned that the officer fled from camp and his letter revealed that a number of other officers from Winnipeg had been imprisoned in the same camp.

The writer added that he was preparing to get in touch with the relatives of his fellow prisoners from the west.

Wheels For War

C.N. Railways Equip Cars For Heaviest Loads On Record

Wheels are important in carrying Canada's wartime freight traffic and the Canadian National Railways mechanical forces report a considerable increase in wheel requirements for the cars which have been carrying the heaviest loads on record. Freight carried by C.N.R. trains last year was more than double that of the last peace-time year.

Regulations to the stores department in 1943 called for 76,420 pairs of wheels, just enough to make 3,821 carloads as 20 pairs of wheels mounted on axles are loaded per car. The weight of each wheel varies from 650 to 875 pounds, depending on the type of freight car.

In Russia, great factories have been established on some of the northern sea lakes to process seaweed into paper and other materials.

The human heart varies in weight from eight to 12 ounces.

Victims Of Nazi V-Bomb



A seriously injured airman is being lowered carefully by stretcher from a building, wrecked in England, by one of the Nazi V-bombs which he found their daily toll of victims.

Warning Unheeded

Late Marshal Foch Told Allies Germany Would Fight Again

Major-General Frank Parker, of the United States Army, recalls a prophetic utterance by Marshal Foch, reports a London correspondent of the Ottawa Journal.

In 1921, Major-General Parker acted as interpreter for the illustrious French Generalissimo when the latter visited America at the invitation of the American Legion. In New York Marshal Foch gave an address in which he pointed out that no representatives of the Allied fighting forces took part at the Versailles Conference in decision for turning their victory to best advantage.

"After the Conference," said the Marshal, "the Allied nations went their separate ways to attend each to its own business, and the Allied team, whose full power was needed to defeat Germany in 1918, was dissolved, leaving the Treaty unsupported by the physical power necessary to its enforcement." Foch predicted, if the Allies continued their present indifference, both to their own national defence and in their relations with each other, within the next quarter of a century there would be another world war. "Germany will surely rise in arms again," declared Foch, "unless confronted by superior force." It was Foch who fought to the last, even against Clemenceau, for the Rhine frontier against Germany.

Engineer Fined

Although He Brushed Off Cupola Russian Pilot Went Free

Americans returning from Russia tell some amazing stories about Russians whose daring would be in absolute violation of all American civilian and army rules and regulations. In Russia, however, the flyer is almost always right, states a Washington correspondent of the New York Sun, who reports that a pilot recently flew so low over a moving freight train that he brushed the cupola off the caboose. An American Army pilot would probably have been grounded for such dangerously low flying. In the Russian case after a trial the engineer of the freight train was fined because the train was behind schedule. If the train had been on time the accident could not have occurred the court found.

CLEVER AT FIGURES

Noting that 35,000,000 turkeys are being raised in the States this year, says the Ottawa Citizen, the St. Thomas Times-Journal, a mathematician if ever there was one, figures that "this adds up to 70,000,000 drumsticks." We're a wizard at figures, aren't we, and throwing the computation into reverse, we arrive at 35,000,000 necks.

Iron constitutes 40 per cent. of the earth. The next most abundant element is oxygen, comprising about 28 per cent. Then come silicon, magnesium, nickel, calcium, aluminum and the rest.

Air Shafts

Reported German Subs Are Now Filled With Breathing Devices

The News Chronicle said that new German submarines equipped with special air shafts emerging from the water like periscopes probably already were at sea.

The "breathing" device was reported to be an extensive air shaft projecting above the surface and divided into two sections, one for air intake and the other for expulsion of exhaust gases.

The News Chronicle said it was to this device a joint statement by Churchill and Roosevelt referred when it mentioned new means by which the submarines stay underwater longer.

The Daily Mail quoted Berlin through Stockholm as saying that a new combination of explosives would be used in the V-3 and V-4 weapons—the first mention of the unknown V-4, the nature of which was not explained.

Astonishing Record

Movement Of Millions Of British Troops By Sea With Small Loss Of Life

One of the most astonishing records of the war is found in the revelation that in the movement of 10,600,000 British Army personnel by sea up to the end of September only 2,973 lives were lost by enemy action, number which makes up only .0028 per cent. of the total.

Considering the elaborate preparations the enemy had made and the big start it had in both submarines and airplanes, this is an astonishing achievement and it was due not only to safeguards maintained by the Royal Navy and the R.A.F. but to good planning at the War Office—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

The Common Touch

President Lincoln Derived Strength From Mixing With The People

To President Lincoln the White House receptions were infinitely more than mere social functions. He said they were his "public-opinion baths." Once when the conduct of the Civil War was pressing its crushing burden on Mr. Lincoln's tired shoulders, a friend sought to persuade him to forego the ordeal of greeting the public, but this he would not do. "No hours of my day are better employed," he explained, "than those which bring me again within the direct contact and the atmosphere of the average of our people. They renew in me a clearer and more vivid image of that great popular assemblage out of which I sprang and to which I must return."

CONTRARY TO IDEA

Drinking from a saucer did not originate as a means of quick cooling. Instead, tea was steeped in a cup and, when ready, was poured into a saucer to prevent over-steeping, and the beverage was then drunk from the saucer.

One Decisive Failure

Was Attempt Of Axis To Capture Island Of Malta

Among the decisive failures of the Axis Powers in this war was the failure of Germany and Italy to capture the island of Malta. The British Government has just told the story of the twenty-eight-month siege in a published booklet. There were 2,315 air-raid alerts, or an average of nearly three a day. There were 1,569 civilian deaths by enemy action, or about one in 200 of the population. Malta has an area of ninety-one square miles. It received ninety-nine tons of bombs for each square mile. The island was supplied and reinforced through waters commanded by enemy air-power. Sicily, where such power could be based, is only sixty miles away at its nearest point. It is probably safe to say that at the grim height of the siege no convoy ever got into Valetta without some damage and no ship ever unloaded without being attacked by air. At the beginning of the siege the British had four obsolete fighter planes. Before the battle was over they had enough planes and enough anti-aircraft guns to bring down about one enemy plane for each civilian killed.

Malta held out when the Mediterranean was so dangerous that supplies for the British Eighth Army were being carried around the Cape of Good Hope. One would think it might have been taken by paratroopers and glider troops, as Crete was. The attempt was not made. The island remained unconquered, a light and a symbol. If we want to find the spot where the tide began to turn, Malta is as good a spot as any. If the British had been capable of surrender, they would have surrendered there. If they had surrendered there, Mussolini might still be in Rome and Hitler still free to wash his red hands in the waters of the English Channel. The United States might now be fighting a defensive war. But the flame did not go out. It spread.—New York Times

On Palace Grounds

Nazis Built V-2 Launching Site In Capital Of Netherlands

The British Air Ministry disclosed that a V-2 storage and launching site attacked by the R.A.F. was situated in the Hague, less than 300 yards from 200-year-old "House in the Woods," former palace of the consort of the Prince of Orange and scene of the first international peace conference in 1899. Authorities in London said the Germans apparently set up the apparatus in the park surrounding the palace in the hope that fear of causing civilian damage and casualties would prevent the R.A.F. attacking the site. The R.A.F.'s pin-point fighter-bombers, however, hit the targets precisely without causing any damage outside the area, the Air Ministry said.

USED FOR TESTING

Britain's highest mountain peak, Ben Nevis, in Scotland, is being used for testing industrial machine tools at altitudes similar to those in the overseas countries for which they are being produced.

NORMANDY INVASION

Canada's Secret Naval War Can Now Be Told

Canada's secret naval war that preceded and complemented the invasion of Normandy is a secret no longer.

In an exclusive story in London's Evening Standard Naval Correspondent Gordon Holman has told how Canadian and British craft teamed up to bring off the greatest mass U-boat slaughter in history with slight casualties to themselves. Outstanding loss for Canada was the sinking of H.M.C.S. Athabaskan in the early stages of the fight.

Starting in the spring days of March flotillas of anti-submarine craft gathered under the late Capt. P. J. Walker.

Corvettes, frigates and destroyers sporting the Maple Leaf on their funnels, joined the new and vital battle.

First phase of the campaign was to seal off the English Channel so U-boat forces in the French ports could not be reinforced. The second consisted of destroying the U-boats already in the French ports and the Channel by the convoying of the tremendous invasion armadas as they moved with freight-train regularity to the continent.

The Germans, game to the end, threw flotilla after flotilla of submarines into the Channel to fight and sink under the hammering of the Canadian and British ships.

The Nazis risked their remaining destroyers in an attempt to break the Channel blockade, only to have these pounded under the waves.

Boy Scouts

Earl Of Athlone Presides At Semi-Annual Meeting Of The Executive Committee

The Earl of Athlone presided at the semi-annual meeting of the executive committee Boy Scouts Association, and welcomed Dr. H. J. Cody, president and chancellor-elect of the University of Toronto, upon his first official appearance at dominion scout headquarters following his election as president of the association.

The governor-general presented the first copy of a gift edition of the Boy Scout handbook for Norway to Daniel Steen, Norwegian minister to Canada.

The book represented an edition of 7,000 copies, paid for by the contributions of Canada's boy scouts. Similar deliveries were reported on their way overseas to the boy scouts of France, Poland, the Netherlands and Czechoslovakia.

NEW TYPE OF CANOE

Fliers returning from the South Seas have reported a new use for the extra gas tanks carried by U.S. air force fighter planes, then dropped when the fuel in them is exhausted. Island natives salvage the discarded tanks, split them—and use the halves as canoes.

The quickest way for a doctor to lose a patient is to tell her it was only a minor operation.

Decorated By The King



Major J. M. Mahoney, (New Westminster, B.C.), outside Buckingham Palace after being decorated by the King with the Victoria Cross.



A Kiss For Victory

Among the first organizations of its size to go over the top in Canada's Seventh Victory Loan was Victory Aircraft at Malton, Ont., where giant Lancaster bombers are assembled. A brief pre-loan canvas put the workers well over their \$1,300,000 objective even before the loan officially opened and a great celebration was staged. It was all part of the celebration when Airwoman Vera Cropper leaned over and kissed a big Lancaster right on one of its four painted noses. The plane didn't even blush.

DAY by day Labrador and other stops on the aerial route to Europe, which skirts close to the Arctic, are being made more liveable and less arduous for fliers, passengers and base personnel. In fact, a lady passenger marooned at some stops by bad flying weather could take advantage of the layover to get a first class permanent wave at any army post exchange beauty shop.

Our word "meander", meaning circuitous travel, comes from the ancient geographic name of a river in Asia Minor famous for its many windings.

This row of Catalinas (PBY) friends. Under this canopy of white sails. Also built by Boeing Aircraft Co., Canada.

IT HAS been calculated that between two and two and a half billion dollars will be required for the relief programs of United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration—UNRRA. The International Labour Office last year estimated the number of homeless and displaced persons in Europe at 30,000,000.

man, and a man who happens, by accident, to be a King. Heaven forbid that any King of Britain should be smirched by the popular acclaim that greets a film star, a winning jockey or a champion heavyweight. But reticence may surely be carried too far.

son last time, we should not have had to undergo five years of bitter warfare to re-learn it.

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A seven-foot square secret room and staircase revealed by bomb damage repairs in a cottage at Chertsey, Surrey, England, are believed to have been an 18th century highwayman's hideout.

PREDICTS HIGH SPEED TRANSPORTATION

Says That Future Planes May Attain Speed of 1,000 Miles Per Hour

A Canadian-built Mosquito airplane last week crossed the Atlantic at an average speed of a little more than six miles per minute. Air Marshal Bishop predicts that an air speed of more than 1,000 miles per hour will be reached within the next five or ten years, this through the new jet propulsion, or the rocket principle, or a combination of both. Air Marshal Bishop knows his aircraft, and we need not dismiss his prediction as what is called "science fiction".

Perhaps our younger people will see a time when one can board an airplane in Ottawa after the day's work is done, have dinner in London, go to a show and night club, sleep two or three hours in a home-coming rocket, and be back in Ottawa for breakfast. In those days a week-end in Australia or South Africa will take up no more hours of travel than a week-end in Toronto does today.

That is progress. And yet we are almost certain large numbers of old-fashioned people will have not the least desire to be whisked through the air at 15 or 20 miles a minute and will do their once-a-travelling-by-ship—if there still are ships in those roiling times. They will value comfort more than high speed, value the leisurely days at sea, the sound and sight of the ocean.

Humanity is being speeded up—no wonder to what good end. In normal times there are mighty few emergencies which make it important that an individual should travel at 350 or 1,000 miles per hour. To our great-grandfathers their stage-coaches the speeds of this day would have seemed more incredible than the speed of a rocket airplane does to us, but it is not clear that we are happier than our great-grandparents or more intelligent (though we have more knowledge) or better adapted for life on this planet.

And in a speculative mood one wonders what sort of humans will evolve from the rocket era. Will it be good for the race to fly through the air faster than sound? Will it accomplish anything worth while? To say the world must move forward is not enough—a cyclone moves, but there is devastation in its path. Speed in itself is a means, not an end. In war, modern war, it is vital because a monster has grown up which can be attacked successfully in no other way. But war has many agents and devices which have no peacetime uses.

We have in the world large numbers of men and women dizzy from their attempts to keep up with the parade of progress. Perhaps when the "improvements" come to pass which are predicted for us, we shall all be dizzy in the expedited and exhilarated tempo of the times. Then the eccentrics will be the queer old chaps who still feel the allure of an old-fashioned ship, who like the wind in their faces, who revel in the endless marching waves, who will see among the stars a moving spark which indicates the passing of the London rocket with profound pity for the deluded mortals aboard.—Ottawa Journal.

Marvelous Farmers

Russia Is Getting Back To Agriculture Very Rapidly

Russia has grown 1,500,000 acres of sunflowers this year. The clear climate there enables the seed to dry out well in the heads. The plants are allowed to mature and a good deal of fuel is secured from the stalks. From the seeds, vegetable oil is extracted and then the residue, as with linseed, is made into cattle cake. Cellulose is another product from this crop. Russia will get back to farming very rapidly. The marvelous manner in which they evacuated their cattle before the German Army, and then defeated the Germans and returned the cattle to their home farms, will be a cause for wonder by every cattle man who has read about it.

PERFECT GUN-SIGHT

With the New British gyro gun-sight, pilots can engage enemy planes at over 400 m.p.h. They make only two adjustments, range and type of plane; sight does the rest.

A new glass has been developed that is as light as cork and will float in water. Called foamglass, it is nine parts air and one part glass and is used as insulation in walls, floors and roofs.

Also, the wild buffalo of the Celebes Islands, is the smallest of all wild cattle.

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Major Currie, V.C., Takes On Battery Of Newsmen



War correspondents at the front interview Maj. David Vivian Currie (seated on a jeep), of the South Alberta regiment, who has been awarded the Victoria Cross for gallantry and inspiring leadership in a three-day battle for the village of St. Lambert sur Dives, to cut off one of the main German escape routes from the Chen-Falaise pocket.

Eventually Learn

Cows Become Used To Giving Automobiles Right Of Way

It is generally agreed that the cow is not a highly intellectual animal.

So it is not surprising to learn from the magazine Dumb Animals that "in the early days of railroads. Thiers, the well-known French statesman, opposed their construction in France on the ground that they would so frighten the cows as to lessen materially the milk supply."

Yet the cows got used to the railway trains and latterly it seems they are beginning to get used to automobiles as well.

The "cow catchers" which adorned the front of the railway locomotive of a generation or so ago were a testimony to the general belief that cows were to be expected to be found wandering along the railway track.

Similarly it took the cows a long time to learn that the horn of the motor car indicated that a powerful mechanical vehicle was prepared to dispute the road with them. Cattle would move along sublimely indifferent to the desires of the driver of the gasoline buggy. Indeed, it was often remarkable how completely one cow could block even a fairly wide road way.

Yet it is Algoma's experience that here too the cows have eventually learned. The later generation of cows have for the most part shown a more accommodating spirit in conceding a right of way on the roads than did their predecessors.

So now it frequently seems that the cows, dumb though they may be, are less dangerous on the highways than are two-footed pedestrians.—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

INDIAN TROOPS

It was recently disclosed that an Indian Division is operating in Greece also. Indian troops are now on active duty in France, Italy (both in the British 8th Army and American 5th Army), all over the Middle East and in preponderant numbers in Burma.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

TODAY

The present moment is all we can call our own for works for mercy, of righteous dealing, and of family tenderness.—George Eliot.

It is better to be doing the most insignificant thing than to reckon even a half-hour insignificant.—Goethe.

One of the illusions is that the present hour is not the critical, decisive hour.—Emerson.

To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, today is big with blessings.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Build today, then, strong and sure. With a firm and ample base; And ascending and secure Shall tomorrow find its place.

—Longfellow.

Out of Eternity the new Day is born; Into Eternity at night will return.

—Thomas Carlyle.

ROAD-WIDE CHOICE

This story concerns a chap who was the week-end guest of a big landowner in England—a man who possessed extensive parkland, stables and herds of prize cattle. On his first morning at the house, a maid took the guest a pitcher of hot water and asked him about breakfast.

"Will you have tea, coffee, or milk, sir?" she asked.

"Tea," he answered.

"Very good, sir," she said, "and will you take Ceylon, China or Assam?"

The guest knew nothing about Assam so he decided he'd give it a trial.

"Will you have your tea with milk, cream, or lemon, sir?" the maid pursued.

"Milk," said the guest, and thought the matter was finally settled.

"Yes, sir," said the maid. "Jersey, Guernsey or Alderney?"

Submarines can sink safely to a depth of approximately 300 feet.

Were Good Soldiers

Four American Chaplains Gave Up Life Belts To Save Others

Here is a passage from an Associated Press account of how four American chaplains died when the transport Dorchester was torpedoed in icy seas off Greenland:

"Those who escaped said they saw the four standing together, handing out life belts from the chest—and then when the chest was empty, each removed his own life belt and passed it out, too.

"When the ship poised for the final plunge, the four men, representing three faiths, linked their arms and prayed together."

That happened back in February, 1943, but the story was made public only a short time ago when the Army's Distinguished Service Cross was conferred posthumously on the four heroes—Clark V. Poling, John P. Washington, Alexander D. Goode and George L. Fox, all chaplains first lieutenants.

It happened that Lieuts. Poling and Fox were Protestants, Lieut. Washington a Catholic and Lieut. Goode a Jew. They "linked their arms and prayed together"; they laid down their lives together, to save others; and together they marched unafraid to the Throne of God. They were His soldiers.—Buffalo Courier-Express.

AEROPLANE ENGINE FOR TANKS

To save a matter of two years in production time, the Rolls Royce Merlin aeroplane engine has been adapted for use in the new British Cromwell tank. This land-version of the Merlin is the most powerful engine fitted to any British or American tank at present in production.

WILL BE VALUED

A black leather-bound copy of the first printing of the Bible in Canada was presented to the Toronto Public Library by William H. Clarke, Canadian manager of the Oxford University Press, for permanent preservation. The 1,000-page Bible was printed there last spring.

Home Planning

Members Of Canadian Women's Army Corps Receive Training Overseas

Up-to-date kitchens, house management, and home planning shine high in the post war plans of members of the Canadian Women's Army Corps serving overseas.

To satisfy the domestic trend of thought of these young women, and to simplify their readjustment to a postwar home life, the Directorate of Army Education has arranged a course in Homemaking at the University of London. The course consists of a series of 13 weekly lectures. Lectures are given during "after duty" hours and are delivered by trained members of the Canadian Red Cross.

Although attendance at the lectures means groping through blackened streets in an unfamiliar part of London, after a full day's work, the Army girls are keen and between 20 and 30 are present at classes every week.

Lectures cover a wide range of homemaking subjects. One of the most popular of these is interior decoration. Here, the girls are taught color harmony, effective uses of furniture and how to choose durable furniture and materials.

Further lectures cover such subjects as managing a budget, meal planning, food values, preparation and service of meals, gardening and care of household appliances.

When Johnny Canuck comes marching home to his CWAC bride after the war, he is going to find that he has "taken on strength" one of the smartest little home managers he could hope for. In the meantime, the Canadian Army girls will continue to attend after duty homemaking lectures and dream of the day when they will be exchanging khaki uniforms for frilly aprons back home in Canada.

For Western Farmers

\$30,591,069 Paid On 1940 Wheat Crop Certificates

Trade Minister MacKinnon said that 136,561 cheques totalling \$30,591,047 have been issued by the Canadian Wheat Board to Western farmers on 1940 wheat crop participation certificates.

The total payment represents nearly 79 per cent of the estimated total of \$38,081,068 to be distributed on the 1940 crop.

An estimated \$35,000,143 is to be distributed on the 1941 and 1942 crops, and Mr. MacKinnon said that on this payment cheques totalling \$18,083,457, or more than 51 per cent of the estimated total, had been issued to Nov. 24.

The participation certificates were issued to Prairie wheat growers when they delivered their wheat to the board and ensured they would participate in the benefits if the grain were finally sold at a better price.

Distribution of payments on the 1940 crop to Nov. 23 was as follows: Manitoba, \$2,473,685; Saskatchewan, \$18,430,632; Alberta and British Columbia, \$7,686,709.

Distribution on the 1941 and 1942 crops to Nov. 24 follows: Manitoba, \$1,813,678; Saskatchewan, \$9,041,525; Alberta and British Columbia, \$7,228,253.

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HOPEFUL OUTLOOK IN POST-WAR FARMING

Encouraging Prospects Are Seen For Young People In Agriculture

There are encouraging prospects on farms in Canada for young people who are contemplating farming as a vocation. Dr. G. S. H. Barton, Dominion Deputy Minister of Agriculture, told the members of the post-war days of the Canadian Boys' and Girls' Farm Clubs when they visited Ottawa recently. He said he could go into every community and district in Canada and place boys on farms and he felt enthusiastic over the present opportunities for young men and women in Canadian agriculture. Farming, he said, is not an easy job. To succeed in it, as in any other job, one must be prepared to work to face difficulties and trials, and have the courage to overcome them.

Dr. Barton said that another hopeful factor in connection with farming in the post-war days is that people in every country are expected to be better fed and better housed. Many people, even in Canada, have not been well nourished. There has been a change back to agriculture during the war and the outlook is for a better agriculture which is in a better position to face any competition to take advantage of opportunities than ever before.

The speaker told his audience, made up principally of boys and girls who came from farms in every province, that he regarded the work of the clubs in teaching them how to judge live stock and crops, as especially valuable. Among the most difficult things in life is to make an intelligent decision and acquire good judgment, he said. He urged the boys and girls to take back to agriculture the qualities that they had learned from the national contests and in their travels, share it with other members of the clubs and apply it to their own advantage.

His Latest Worry

Suicide Of Officers Has Become Real Problem For Himmler

An "epidemic of suicides" among German officers in the army and the Black Guards, if not in higher political quarters, seem to be the latest worry of Reichsfuehrer Heinrich Himmler.

So acute has the problem become that the "Schwarze Corps", internal organ of the S.S., has just devoted a lengthy article to the theme that "a man has no right to deprive his nation of his energy while he is capable of harming the enemy."

The article entitled, "A Bourgeois Tragedy," ostensibly takes as its occasion alleged suicides committed by leading statesmen of the countries formerly allied to Germany. But it proceeds at once to discuss the case of German officers and to draw parallels with 1918.

At the end, the reader is left wondering whether Himmler's organ is not really hinting at suicidal tendencies on the part of Adolf Hitler himself.

The article says: "When in 1918 imperial Germany perished, many army officers felt that they could not survive the shame and committed suicide. They knew of no other way out; they died decently and felt they were sacrificing their lives for the fatherland. But what would have become of Germany if all those who felt the shame as unbearable then had committed suicide? Fortunately there were others who, in the absence of senior officers who could give them orders, followed the orders of their own solitary hearts. They fought in the free corps and later in the Nazi organizations, preparing Germany's rising from the ashes.

"We know of no other road today than the one they chose, and we see our duty as they did. Mindful of our view of life, we must always regard the suicide of leaders as desertion, if it is not the only way out."

Thanks From The Queen

Women War Workers' Job Magnificently Done Said Her Majesty

The Queen thanked the women of Britain for their war effort.

In a big gathering of representatives of all classes of women, defence workers, police, national fire service, wardens, control staffs, ambulances and first aid services, fire guards, women from rest centres and members of the Women's Voluntary Service, she said:

"In the name of the country which you have served and are serving so gallantly, I want to say to all of you thank you for a difficult job, magnificently done."

It isn't surprising to us that farmers lose a lot of soil through erosion by rain and wind. We have noticed that they leave their farms out in the weather all the time.



A big portrait of Adolf Hitler adorns the front of a half-tracked vehicle of French soldiers of the force that participated in the liberation of Strasbourg, Alsace-Lorraine, which is once more French. The little French boy leaning on the fenders manages to look extremely bored by the whole thing.



This Allied machine-gunner of Lieut.-Gen. Patton's Third Army has a little sector of the front all to himself in the fortress city of Metz. He is holding an important street intersection under the muzzle of his machine-gun. Anything trying to get by here without his permission would be a dead duck.

WORLD HAPPENINGS
BRIEFLY TOLD

Since the war began the army has requisitioned more than 200,000 houses in Britain.

H. W. Healy, pioneer of radio and television, died in Manderville, England, after a short illness.

Canada grew 608,000 tons of sugar beets this year, 28 per cent. over the 473,300 tons 1943 crop.

Air raid casualties in Manchester since the war began were 559 persons killed and 1,778 injured.

A block of 12 penny black Canadian stamps issued in 1851 brought \$140 (about \$650) at an auction.

It can be disclosed now that aircraft which dropped jeeps and six-pounder guns in Normandy on D-Day were Halifaxes.

John Harding, 19-year-old engineer, who pleaded guilty at London to counterfeiting charges, said he learned how to make the false coins in a book written by an ex-Scottish Yard man.

A fund has been launched to restore the ancient Church of St. Julian, Norwich, Norfolk, destroyed by enemy action two years ago. Mother Julian, a great English mystic, lived 40 years in a cell in this church.

Canada's external trade, excluding gold, was valued at \$478,500,000 in October, compared with \$425,795,000 in the corresponding month of last year, an increase of 12.4 per cent., the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports.

Waste Paper

Paper Salvage Is Needed Now More Than Ever

"Now more than ever before, the importance of waste paper in the work it can do at the battle front, makes it necessary to keep a large supply of it going through the mills." This was a statement of an official of the National Salvage Division in Ottawa when interviewed recently.

"Papers in your attic or cellar, thrown into the garbage can, burnt or in some other way destroyed, is of no value to Canadian armed forces," he said. "Paper turned in during local salvage drives, however, can play a big part in the packaging of vital supplies."

"Every scrap of paper that is not gummed or waxed, dirty or wet, is wanted. Newspapers, letters, paper board, cereal boxes, posters, tickets, envelopes; in short every bit of paper lingering unnecessarily in homes, offices and other buildings is needed," the official pointed out.

"Many people ask why the paper has to be tied in bundles," said the official. "The answer is simple. It's easier to handle." Speed in wartime is the essential factor, and the sooner the waste paper can be sent to the paper mills, the sooner it can be made into cartons and other battle necessities."

A USEFUL PRODUCT

Castor oil, the production of which has reached a high level in Brazil, has several advantages over other oils. It is particularly suitable for aircraft engines in view of its very low freezing point, its adhesiveness and its great resistance to heat; in addition, its percentage of residue and its solubility in gasoline or benzene are both very low.

REAL LIFESAVERS

Birds and monkeys save the lives of soldiers lost in the jungles. By watching what these creatures eat, men learn what berries and fruits are good to eat and which are poisonous.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher

THE COLONEL

4-23-43

"It doesn't have to be smart. . . I'll put the brains in it myself."

Inspects Propulsion Unit Of V-2



Bmdr. L. Snell, of Orillia, Ont., is peering inside the propulsion unit of a V-2 rocket bomb that landed somewhere in the south of England recently. The jets that drive the rocket are located in this part of the projectile. Some observers describe the rocket bomb as "resembling a light post. So far no one in Britain has seen a complete one."

Farm Hazards

Price Bull Is Dead From Swallowing A Nail

The hazards on the farm were again demonstrated by the death recently at Chicago of the famous Canadian Holstein bull, Montvic Reborn, which sold for the Canadian Record price of \$14,000 two years ago at Brantford, Ont. A nail killed him. He had swallowed it, and died following an operation for its removal from his stomach.

Many of the accidents on the farm are preventable, but in wartime with the shortage of labour it is not possible to cope with all the possible causes. Less time is now available for keeping the farm yard spic and span, and still less time to ensure that the pasture is free of danger, but time spent in cleaning up to clear the precincts of loose nails, bits of metal, broken bits of lumber, discarded pieces of machinery hidden in long grass and all other articles which should not be there, would prove profitable and prevent such an accident as happened to Montvic Reborn.

Live stock are liable to pick up any old article that may have found its way into the feed or in the pasture. A board with a nail in it lying about the yard or anywhere, a projecting nail on a step, on a field gate, on the side of a barn or anywhere at all is a constant menace, but more insidious are loose nails inadvertently dropped around the yard or in the pasture. Cattle seem to have a peculiar relish for them.

Apart from machinery which is responsible for the most serious accidents on the farm, everyday causes of mishaps are numerous, such as the careless handling of tools or of a gun, the cover off a well, hay hiding an open trap in the loft, an exposed electric wire, a broken step, a faulty flue or a rickety ladder. The farmer must be to a great extent, his own safety engineer.

MAY BE USEFUL

A solution has been discovered, and given a long scientific name, which when applied to potatoes will prevent them sprouting. It would be for use on potatoes stored for food and while not yet food-proof, may be one of the useful things learned through the pursuit of a necessity. Potatoes lose much of their flavor and nourishment by growing white or colorless sprouts.

WAS ONCE PRIZED

So rare and prized was pepper at one time in early Great Britain that it was not used as a seasoning, but was served in small amounts as a tasty tidbit at the end of the meal.

Beau Brummel lived the last 10 years of his life in Caen, and died there in an insane asylum.

Show Keen Interest

People In Scotland Ask Many Questions About Canada

"To what extent is fish glue being manufactured in Canada?" "How are the Thousand Islands governed?" "If my daughter went to Canada, would she be sure of getting a job?" These questions and hundreds of others like them were put to Sgt. Anito Polybank, C.W.A.C. of Victoria, B.C., by citizens of Edinburgh recently at an exhibition on the Canadian War Effort, which was held in Edinburgh in conjunction with an Allied Nations' War Exhibit. Sgt. Polybank was sent from London as the only C.W.A.C. representative at the exhibition. Although some of the questions put to her by curious Scots, left her completely dumbfounded. Sgt. Polybank found that the Scottish people displayed a keen interest in Canada, her living conditions, immigration and the work being done by the Canadian army girls.

Would Suit Majority

Practically Everyone Likes To Have Room Of Their Own

Nobody has yet put a home with a room of his own for every citizen on the list of things which we want for the post-war world. Probably there are many people who do not like privacy and quiet, and who would not use such a room if they had it. But we think that a majority would be glad of a place where they could be private and apart, quiet and contemplative. The more intense modern life becomes, the greater becomes the necessity for a room of one's own, not as an ivory tower, but as a place where sanity and balance may be preserved.—Peterborough Examiner.

Grim Picture

People Of Europe Will Be Aided By Relief Measures

The liberated peoples of Europe will produce over 90 per cent. of their own food and clothing for the coming winter but United Nations aid is needed to "swing the balance" and prevent famine and pestilence from taking millions of lives, President Roosevelt reported.

Roosevelt painted a grim picture of conditions in war-ravaged Europe in submitting to congress his first quarterly report on the work of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration as compiled by the Forest Economic Administration.

In an accompanying letter the President said the Germans had been "ruthless" in devastating Europe and emphasized that the liberated peoples, now numbering some 100,000,000, are being aided so they can help themselves "to meet the tremendous task of reconstruction that lies ahead."

"All the world owes a debt to the heroic people who fought the Nazis from the beginning—fought them even after their homelands were occupied against overwhelming odds—and are continuing to fight once again as free peoples," Roosevelt said.

The FEA report on UNRRA, dated Sept. 30, gave this picture of the gigantic relief project:

UNRRA with a world-wide staff of 1,700, is about to plunge into the greatest relief task in history. No actual supplies have yet been sent to liberated countries but field workers are either already in or preparing to move into Greece, Yugoslavia, Albania, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Italy and Ethiopia, as well as the Far East.

Compliments found in the wake of liberating Allied armies were in some cases worse than expected, in others not so bad. People in freed regions are eating only 25 per cent. as much as the average American. Food shortages are particularly acute in Poland, The Netherlands and Italy. Millions of Europeans have not been able to buy clothes or shoes since 1940 and almost as many have died from exposure due to lack of clothing as have from starvation.

Soap shortages have made cleanliness "virtually impossible" with a resultant jump in lice-borne disease such as typhus which has increased almost 700 per cent. over pre-war figures.

The "greatest migration of modern times" will be involved in returning more than 20,000,000 men, women and children to their homes, many of whose sole possessions are "the clothes on their backs."

Nearly 50 places in England bear the name "Buton" either alone or in combination with others.

Eats Prize



The young owner of the prize-winning billy-goat would like to take the blue ribbon home to show the neighbors, but "Bill" has other ideas. He's of the opinion that those Pinehurst pet show rosettes make good eating.

Building A Home

Woman Says It Is Not Much Harder Than Running One

Besides building a man-sized job in an aircraft plant and looking after a family of four children, Mrs. Mary Taylor is building a house at Toronto without any assistance.

"I never knew anything about carpentry or masonry or tinsmithing—but I seem to be doing all right," Mrs. Taylor said. "I don't think building a house is an awful lot harder than running one."

So far she has laid the concrete block foundation, built the steps and woodwork and laid the basement floor—all in her spare time.

Oil-Bearing Seed Crops

Prairie Farmers Produced A Larger Crop This Year

Saskatchewan and Manitoba farmers produced by far the greater proportion of oil-bearing sunflower seed and rape seed crops in Canada in 1944, according to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Cultivation of such crops became necessary when importation of vegetable oils was cut off due to war exigencies.

Total 1944 output of sunflower seed was 8,500,000 pounds, compared with 5,302,500 in 1943. Saskatchewan and Manitoba were the only two provinces growing sunflowers. Alberta had abandoned the crop after a small production in 1943. Manitoba led in 1944 production, with 5,650,000 pounds of sunflower seeds to its credit, up from 2,775,500 in 1943. Saskatchewan's 1944 production was 2,850,000 pounds up slightly from 1943 output of 2,432,000 pounds. Quebec, Ontario and Alberta produced small quantities of rape seed in 1944, the bulk of it being produced in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Total 1944 production was 6,600,000 pounds, compared with 2,822,000 in 1943. Manitoba figure was 4,200,000 pounds, up from 1,200,000 in 1943, while Saskatchewan production was 1,920,000 pounds in 1944, 1,028,000 in 1943. Ontario production, at 390,000 pounds in 1944, was down from 574,700 pounds in the previous year.

BRIEF SUMMING UP

The record for the briefest summing-up is held by a famous English Judge—Lord Bramwell.

"Do you call the defendant?" asked Bramwell of defending counsel, and when the reply was "I do not," he exclaimed "Pshaw!" and turning to the jury said, "Gentlemen, consider your verdict."

Another summing-up by the same judge consisted of this:

"Gentlemen, I shall leave the case to you in eight words. The prisoner aimed at nothing and missed it."

NEW KIND OF BREAD

One thing to look forward to after the war is that men won't get stale. It will stay fresh for two weeks—just as fresh as when it came out of the oven. Girls in the British Army are already making this new kind of processed bread. In fact, it was supplied to invasion troops who landed in Normandy.

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THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



REG'AR FELLERS—Just Hard Luck



BY GENE BYRNES

OUR CHRISTMAS STORY

"FINDERS KEEPERS"

By VIOLET MOSS

McClure Newspaper Syndicate

Ben turned his coat collar up against the biting winter wind and stared moodily into the toy store window. It looked so bright, so cheerful in there, the many-colored playthings strewn in studied disorder where they might tempt the last minute Christmas shopper. In the centre of the display, gleaming brilliantly, stood the red fire engine.

Ben remembered how, when they'd passed this store last week, the boy had stopped, his eyes bright, his young voice shrill with excitement. He'd said, "Look, Daddy, Mummy, look! The engine! It's got a bell, just like a real one. It's—gee, it's swell!" That had been all, no demanding, no pleading. The boy knew better than to ask for anything so costly. The poverty of this last year, caused by Ben's illness, was about all his youthful memory could hold. The earlier days that had been before were forgotten. He knew only disappointment and lack. And that was all wrong.

Ben's eyes were stinging, but not because of the cold. Suddenly he felt so inadequate, so frustrated. This was the most important season of the year for children—it should seem to be made especially festive. But how, without money? His little pocket had eaten their savings so greedily and swiftly that it had soon become necessary for Nan to take part-time work. Oh, they'd never gone hungry, but for months he'd lain helpless, waiting until the doctors pronounced him once more fit to work. Of course that was all in the past. Things would be different after the first of the year when he began his new job. It was a good job, too—assistant foreman at the mill. Sure; but tomorrow would be Christmas, and about that and all it should mean to his son he could do nothing.

Turning almost savagely away from the window, he walked down the street to Gliden's Department Store. He might as well do his pitifully meager holiday shopping. A few handkerchiefs for Nan, a cheap game for the boy. Oh, well, be thankful for regained health and a brighter future.

Once in the store, his face burning in the unaccustomed warmth, he hesitated for a moment before plunging into the swarming crowd around the handkerchief counter. Searching for an opening, his glance fell upon something dark on the floor. A change of purse! Ben leaned forward, snatched it up and walked quickly, looking neither to right nor left, toward a telephone booth at one side of the store. He entered, unlocked the door, shut and, breathing hard, fumbled with the purse. Eight dollars! Like an answer to his prayers, he had eight dollars in his shaking hand. Enough to take care of this Christmas in the grand manner. That red fire engine, something wildly luxurious like perfume for Nan. A fat turkey. This was great, this was stupendous.

Well, what was he waiting for? He should go on the floor now, do his shopping, hurry home jubilantly laden with packages. But still he stood motionless, his eyes fast on the purse. It was such a shabby little piece of leather, so worn. It didn't belong to someone wealthy. It looked as if it—oh, what of it? Finders keepers, losers weepers. He stayed in the stuffy booth for fully ten minutes, fighting a battle with himself. When he finally emerged, his footsteps were slow and they were headed for the Lost and Found Department.

At the desk, Ben numbly handed the purse to the clerk, vaguely heard him say, "Oh, thank you, sir." The party who lost this red fire engine inquired, "You're making somebody very happy by returning it."

Yeah, that was swell. He was making somebody happy—but not his family, his loved ones. Yet, at the clerk's hearty, "Merry Christmas to you," a surge of gladness swept over him, a feeling almost of triumph. Absent-mindedly he left the store, walked about aimlessly for an hour, then remembered he hadn't done his buying. Rushing into the nearest shop, he chose from the least expensive gift items.

When he arrived home, awkwardly hiding the packages under his coat, the boy had fallen asleep, and Ben was glad. Somehow he couldn't stand that small pathetic face, those expectant eyes, tonight. He slipped his gifts under a chair, set dinner with Nan quietly and went to bed.

And then it was morning, and someone was tugging at his leg. It was the boy. "Merry Christmas,

Daddy," he was shouting. "Come in! Look. It's here! It's here!" Rosy-cheeked and ecstatic, the youngster was pulling him into the living room. There was the shining red fire engine, other toys around it. Nan was handing Ben a package—fine leather gloves, a new pipe.

He answered the question in his eyes. "I've been saving, dear, all year on little things. I had to make this a Merry Christmas for all of us." He pulled her to him, kissed her hard to steady the trembling of his own lips. "There's just one thing, Ben," she told him after a minute. "All this wouldn't have been possible but for some person's honesty. I lost my purse yesterday at Gliden's and it was turned in."

He held her close as the boy raced excitedly up and down the room, clanging his fire bell.

Had Saving Habit

Britisher Who Won Money In A Sweepstake Knew How To Handle It

Thirteen years ago level-headed William Robert Macey, of Faversham, Eng., won \$135,000 in the Irish sweepstake.

When the telegram came telling him about it he just went down to the nearby pub to buy his first pint in two years. He gave up his \$15 a week job in a timber yard and began drawing \$22.50 a week from the bank. A year later he built a \$4,500 house for himself, his wife, four sons and a daughter.

And that's about all he did with his \$135,000.

Last July he died and now the story of his quiet life has been told in his will.

He left \$133,000. The extra \$18,000 was mainly the interest he hadn't spent.

Mrs. Macey was left \$12,500 in cash and almost all the \$133,000 was left in trust for her.

"But I shan't be moving from here now," she said. "I'm not a one for great extravagance either."

Babies Benefit

Health Clinics In Australia Give Them Good Start In Life

Australian babies are given a good start in life through the work of child health clinics which reach even the remotest and sparsely settled districts of the interior.

Dr. F. W. Clements of the Commonwealth Health Department and director of Australia's Health and Medical Research Council, speaking recently to an Ottawa audience, said that these clinics reach 98% of all Australian babies at some time during their first year of life and that three out of four babies attend the clinics regularly.

Dr. Clements described the clinics in Australian towns and cities as similar to the Well Baby Centres, familiar to many Canadian mothers. Rural clinics receive regular visits from mobile clinics set up in specially equipped railway cars and motor vans.

"MY HAT'S OFF TO YOUR BREAD"



Brings you compliments on sweet, tasty bread

ALWAYS DEPENDABLE WRAPPED AIRTIGHT TO ENSURE POTENCY

Incomparable Leader

Churchill Meeting Wartime Needs Of Britain In Inspiring Manner

Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain has passed the 70-years milestone. As a public man who "plays cricket," Mr. Churchill merited the neat compliment paid him by the 87-year-old Labor member of the British Commons, Mr. Will Thorne: "Seventy not out." For the record of the incomparable wartime leader of the United Kingdom and the greatest single force for victory for the Allied cause is an extremely good score.

Mr. Churchill has color, fortrightness and courage beyond gauging. As a soldier-statesman he is meeting the wartime needs of the British Isles in an inspiring manner. His only counterpart in the Commonwealth is Field Marshal Smuts, Premier of South Africa, while in the broader scope of the United Nations, President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin alone approach Prime Minister Churchill in leadership calibre.

From every nation—a great and small—in the Grand Alliance, will rise the prayer that Winston Churchill may be spared, in vigor of health, to complete the Allied march to victory, however long and rough the last mile may prove. A freedom-loving world salutes the one and only Churchill as he enters a new year and a new decade—Stratford Beacon Herald.

RATED A HOLIDAY

The town of Bahadurpur in Patiala, India, recently had its taxes cancelled for a year because a local soldier won the Victoria Cross.

Miniature Radios

Used In Holland For Listening To Allied Broadcasts

Dutch patriot workers have developed a pocket-size radio receiving set made, to German specifications during the occupation of the Netherlands and used them to listen to Allied broadcasts. The existence of the tiny set was disclosed by a Hollander who approached British tank troops about to go into action some where in Holland. The man, who had been a laboratory worker in a radio factory, asked a correspondent if he would "like to listen to the news." He then held out a pocket watch that immediately began to vibrate with the confident tones of a BBC announcer. It was attached to a three-tube radio set packed into a small German-issued field dressing box with a Red Cross on the lid. The power came either from a battery or a hand-worked dynamo—also pocket-sized. The set was one of many that had been built as experiments.—Brandon Sun.

Clamp Down

Germany Will Not Be Able To Experiment On Weapons After The War

Prime Minister Churchill informed the House of Commons that the Allies were making plans to see that Germany could not carry out any secret experiments to develop long-range weapons after the war.

"We have a lot of regular people on the job and so have our American and Allied friends," he told a member who raised the question.

Mr. Churchill said he could not disclose American and British casualties in the war against Japan at the present time as this information would help the enemy.

Girl's Jumper



By ANNE ADAMS

An adorable jumper, splashed with embroidery, teams up with a simple blouse in Pattern 4825 to give her a nipped-in waist.

Pattern 4825 comes in girls' sizes 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14. Size 10, jumper, 1 1/2 yards 84-in. fabric; blouse 1 1/2 yards 35-in.

Send twenty cents (20c) in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) for this pattern. Write plainly Size, Name, Address and Style Number and send orders to the Anne Adams Pattern Dept., Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 175 McDermott Ave., E., Winnipeg, Man. "Because of the slowness of the mails delivery of our patterns may take a few days longer than usual."

'Teen-Agers Have Own Club



Toronto is another Canadian city which has added a "Teen Ager" club to its assembly of amusement places. The first opened some weeks ago in Winnipeg, Man. Here a group of 'teen agers are making merry on the opening night at Jesse Ketchum hall where the club is located. Hop tunes are provided by the club's own six-man band. Here George Malcolm, clarinetist, slays the girls with his jive.

ITEMS KOLUMN

—By F. P. K.

Some original, some copied, but all interesting, useful or provocative!

Safety First—

If you have plans for tomorrow, better be careful today!

Irish—

Bar O'Meara of Montreal "Star" as guest on Hot Stove league hockey. Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, said on Radio, "Another long forgotten, but well remembered Montreal team is the Maroons!" Yes—Bar is Irish, or is he?

Chewing Gum—

American soldiers overseas are consuming an average of 630 sticks of gum per man per year against 77 when in civilian life.

The Canadian Wrigley Gum Co. are ready to ship all the gum it produces, if necessary, on their Overseas Plan of 20 packages bought for \$1.00 prepaid, to anyone in the armed forces. See your retailer for proper forms and do it now.

26 Babies—

On November 17th, these two headings appeared alongside each other in the Toronto Telegram, "Greatest single air assault opened winter offensive," "Modern stork express safely transports 26 babies from Quebec City to Chicoutimi." Fairly raining babies—what next in Quebec.

Think—

Are WE really worth dying for? Answer that to yourself and act accordingly.

Cigarettes—

From November 1 to 10 this year, Macdonald made 73,560,872 cigarettes. Over 58% were shipped to the war fronts by the Company—not counting those bought by the Home folk and mailed over.

By the way—did you know the Overseas Tobacco League, 93 King Street E., Toronto, have sent over 200 million cigarettes to the boys, bought with voluntary subscriptions? If you send them

\$10.00 they'll send 4000
5.00 " " 2000
1.00 " " 400

These are not sent to individuals but to distributing centres, so all in service get a fair share. In each package of 25 will go a return card with your name and address on it and later on you'll get these back with notes from those who received the cigs. Quite a thrill, too!

Your Letters—

Postal clerks read addresses from the BOTTOM up—not down. Place all your instructions UNDER name of the city—Air Mail—Special Delivery or whatever.

Good Work

Wholesale Sock-Darning Is Done By British W.V.S.

"Wonderful work has been done throughout the United Kingdom by the British W.V.S.," says Mrs. W. E. West, director of Canada's Women's Voluntary Services, National War Services, Ottawa.

"Even the humble art of mending takes on a new importance when 38,500 socks a week are darned for service men by W.V.S. members. Over many doorways in Britain are signs that read, 'Soldiers' Repair Shop' or 'Repairs while you Wait.' Shirt collars are turned, buttons replaced. Sports equipment such as football gear are repaired, towels are patched and service stripes sewn on sleeves.

"In some towns there are even classes for service men to teach them how to do these jobs for themselves. According to reports received they have been most successful and popular. And they serve a useful purpose in making the service man conscious of the difficulty of mending great gaping holes in socks when such holes could have been prevented by a stitch in time," concluded Mrs. West.

For Her Cats

Why Old Lady In London Bombed Out Area Wanted Milk

The British Women's Voluntary Services, which reports regularly for relief duty when flying bombs fall in the London area, served 766,000 meals to the bombed-out during their first crucial ten weeks.

These workers have seen many tragedies—and also the humorous side. One old lady after her apartment block had been blasted, came and asked the W.V.S. for a drop of milk. "I've always fed the cats around this place," she said, "and they might think something wrong if I stopped now."

The first crossing of the English channel by air was made in 1909.

Horses—

The first horse ambulance in Canada is now operating in Montreal.

If there are any horses able to read they'll appreciate this new development. One man can take the horse who has been hurt and is lying on the road, lift him on a stretcher into the ambulance car by the use of a winch driven by the auto's motor. As many as five or six horses a day are removed in Montreal and taken to the owner's stables for the Vet. Many lives will be saved, especially in winter when a downed animal can easily get pneumonia from the chill of ice or wind.

Buy and Buy—

The real business life of Canada is determined by the people walking into stores and buying goods.

A Thought To Remember—

Flowers leave part of their fragrance in the hand that bestows them.—Chinese proverb.

The Guide Post—

Small kindnesses, small courtesies, small considerations, habitually practised in our social intercourse, give a greater charm to the character than the display of great talents and accomplishments.

Where Cabbage Is King—

There clear-lower Don't you moan Buy a cabbage And roll your own!

"I'm Nine, She Said."

No bigger than a minute is this little girl who brings the Globe and Mail to me each morning—through rain, cold and dark days—always on time.

She says "Good morning," with an uplift in her voice that makes me feel as though she has come down at half-past six to say, "Good Morning," right back to her—and my day is started off right. But I'm inside, in a warm apartment, wearing a comfortable dressing gown—knitted slippers—with a cup of hot coffee already down when she appears out of the dark, cold wet morning, with her papers and a smile.

This morning I simply had to ask her age. "I'm nine, sir," she said. Her mother has the route, really, but he's "in war work" and she's carrying on for him.

All honour to the youngsters who set such a wonderful example—and especially to my nine year old "honey!"

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A Necessary Food

Potatoes Good Source Of Iron And Contain Vitamin C

Avoiding potatoes for fear of getting fat? Then, here's news from the nutrition division, Ottawa. One medium sized potato contains fewer calories than a chocolate bar, a serving of apple pie or a serving of cake. So, next time, think before choosing between dessert and potatoes.

The importance of potatoes in the diet was recognized in Europe in the 17th century when it was discovered that scurvy followed in the wake of potato famines. Many years later it was discovered that scurvy resulted from lack of vitamin C which potatoes supplied.

Potatoes are a good source of iron necessary for good health. Without a serving every day, it is quite possible that there would be a deficiency of vitamin C in Canadian diets, even with a daily serving of citrus fruit or tomatoes.

The preparation of potatoes is important. Boiling or baking in their jackets is advisable. Baking is the best method of all. For a drop of the average Canadian eats about 186 pounds of potatoes every year, to about 78 pounds of all other vegetables in the same period.

Approximately one-fourth of man's life spent developing and training his mind.

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ONTARIO APPOINTS NEW LIQUOR COMMISSIONER

William Gourlay Webster, 56-year-old Progressive Conservative member of the Ontario Legislature for London riding, on December 13 at Toronto was sworn in as minister without portfolio in Premier Drew's cabinet. He will also serve as Provincial Liquor Commissioner when the resignation of Victor Goggin, present commissioner, becomes effective December 31.

LYDD GEORGE TO RETIRE FROM HOUSE

London—David Lloyd George, prime minister during the First Great War, has decided not to stand for re-election to parliament, acting on medical advice. Mr. Lloyd George has been in parliament for 54 years, and is "father of the House." He is nearly 82 and has had 50 years' continuous service as member of parliament for Caernarvon boroughs.

U.S. Public Indulging In Jewelry Spree

(By Will Lissner in the New York Times)

In this crucial war year the public is spending its inflated income for jewelry at a rate approaching \$1,000,000,000 a year, according to data on the collection of Federal luxury taxes made public recently by the Tax Institute, 237 Fourth Avenue, New York, a research agency maintained by tax accountants and economists.

The luxury tax on jewelry was doubled from 10 to 20 per cent only three months before the close of the fiscal year. But in spite of that, collections of this tax increased substantially.

In 1942 the tax yielded \$42,000,000; in 1943, \$88,000,000; and in 1944 \$113,000,000. The luxury tax on furs, liquor, tobacco, cosmetics and admissions, together with a few regulatory taxes, all of which make up the Federal selective sales taxes, are now bringing in \$4,000,000,000 or \$5,000,000,000 a year. Dr. Mabel L. Walker, executive secretary of the institute, estimates.

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Little Benny's Notebook

(By Lee Pape)

I walked all a way downtown with my cousin Artie just for something to do, and we played we were airplane pilots lost in the jungles on account of having lost our map, and the people going passed were all trees and we had to go between them or around them, and the trees getting mad and some being too busy to even notice, and we started to talk about how high we could go in the stratosphere before the air got so thin it was bad for the lungs, and Artie said, Hey, I tell you what, let's pick out the highest building and walk in and get in an elevator and keep on going up till we notice something unusual about the air.

Sounding like a swell idea, and we went in the tallest building we could find, and there was a whole row of elevators inside, and one of them was just going to start going up with people in it, the elevator man saying, This car, this car, please, and me and Artie quick got in it and it went up, and different people got out at different floors till there was only one man left, and he said, Eleventh please, and got out, and the elevator man turned around and looked at me and Artie, saying, what floor do you kids want?

The last, I said, and the elevator man said, The first is the last for me, I'm running an elevator, not a day nursery.

And he made the car go all a ways down again so fast it made my stomach jump, and me and Artie got out, me and Artie saying, Hey, I tell you what, let's pick out the highest building and walk in and get in an elevator and keep on going up till we notice something unusual about the air.

Which there was, all the ways in the back behind a door marked Stairway, and we each bought a Man Mountain Mite Bar for ourselves at the cigar counter and started to climb the stairs, stopping about every 4th landing to take a rest, and of our provisions and keep up our strength, and when we got to the 21st floor I felt like enough, saying, I think the air is starting to feel kind of thin, partner.

Sure, partner, and we went through the door to the elevators and there was a sign saying, Push this button for all elevators and I pushed it and Artie said, I hope it's not the same elevator man.

And we exchanged caps so he wouldn't recognize us in case it was, and it was the same one all right, and we got in his car trying to look as if it was the first time we had ever saw him going in any direction, and he looked at us walking in his car and shook his head and started down, saying, Well, I'll be darn, I wish I could remember when I was a kid, it must be a great sensation.

Which it is.

500 DANCERS ATTEND FREE QUOTA CLUB DANCE

Tuesday evening the Red Deer Quota Club held a free dance for men and women of the armed forces, with about five hundred guests present. Prizes were donated by the Red Deer drug stores and were presented to the winners by Seaman F. H. Hamilton, Mrs. A. Shadick and Miss Edith MacArthur. The dance was held for army personnel, and they have been very much appreciated.

HEAT IN FLOOR

Radiant heating in homes, from heating pipes laid in concrete in the floors and sidewalks, is replacing more conventional types of heat distribution because of its efficiency, economy and cleanliness.

\$20,000,000 PAID OUT BY CANADIAN WHEAT BD.

Trade Minister MacKinnon said in Ottawa on December 8 that 198,561 cheques valuing \$20,581,947 have been issued by the Canadian Wheat Board to wheat farmers on 1940 wheat crop participation certificates. The total payment represents nearly 78 per cent of the estimated total of \$26,081,068 to be distributed on the 1940 crop.

An estimated \$30,000,143 is to be distributed on the 1941 and 1942 crops, and Mr. MacKinnon said that in this payment cheque totalling \$18,083,457, or more than 51 per cent of the estimated total, had been issued to November 24.

INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR NURSING TRAINING

"Parents of student nurses may now secure an income tax deduction of 20 per cent of the amount contributed but not exceeding \$400 to the support of a daughter under twenty-one years of age training as a nurse at a provincially-licensed private hospital." This announcement is made by Miss Fanny Munroe, president of the Canadian Nurses' Association, following the passing of a clause in the Bill on national finance at the last session of the House of Commons.

This income tax deduction is applicable also to the sister or brother of a dependent sister under twenty-one training at such a hospital," added Miss Munroe.

Vitamin Craze

(New York Times)

"Veritable nation-wide hysteria," is attributed by Prof. John Hald, of Emory University, to the false notion that every food must be loaded with vitamins to safeguard health. That all vitamins are indispensable Prof. Hald concedes, but he insists that a properly balanced diet contains an adequate supply.

Prof. Hald calls attention to a dietary experiment at Duke University conducted by Dr. Julian Ruffin and Dr. David Cayer, recently described in the American Medical Association Journal and referred to in this department. A group of volunteer students at the university was given the usual American diet for thirty days. Some were also given sugar pills, the rest vitamins. None knew what he was getting. Daily records were kept and at the end of the thirty-day period, all the students examined. There was no striking difference in health and well being of the two groups.

A few years ago nutritionists were emphasizing the importance of vitamins, but little heed was paid to them. Suddenly everyone seemed to become vitamin conscious and everywhere around us we witnessed a mad scramble for the wonderful health-giving vitamin pills. Laymen have become their own doctors and prescribe vitamins for themselves for whatever ailment. It has been estimated that this year alone the American public will spend over \$200,000,000 on vitamin pills.

"If every day you drink a pint of milk, eat one egg, one serving of meat, with several slices of whole wheat or enriched bread, two servings of vegetables, green or yellow, one potato, a citrus fruit, and another fruit, then you can forget about vitamins and go merrily on your way with the joys of living," says Prof. Hald.

Household Hints

Apples are now in season, but there is always the question as to which kind are good for cooking and baking. Right now Wealthies are unable to score 1 per cent hits varieties for cooking or pie.

Slice four tart apples into a baking dish and add ¼ cup of water, cover and bake for 10 minutes in a hot oven or until partially cooked. Combine two tablespoons of minute tapioca, 4 teaspoons each of granulated and brown sugar, pinch of salt, ½ teaspoon cinnamon and 2 tablespoons of butter. Stir into the apples and cover with pie crust rolled very thin. Prick crust with a fork and return to the oven and bake for 15 minutes longer, or until the crust is browned.

Flush your fountain pen with water occasionally. Use a good quality fountain pen ink only. It's also a good idea to use the same kind of ink whenever you fill it, unless the pen has been first thoroughly cleaned, as a mixture of inks may cause trouble.

If your aluminum pots have discolored, use steel wool and an aluminum cleanser. Then wash the pans in hot soapy water. Another good method is to cook rhubarb, tomatoes or potato peelings in the pans. Try it.

Change the flavor of boiled beets by adding two tablespoons of butter, salt and pepper to season. Just before serving, add one tablespoon of freshly chopped dill or mint.

Notes On Etiquette

(Wetaskiwin Times)

The performance of "Orpheus and His Lute" by the Red Deer Musical Band was hailed Tuesday night during the clarinet solo. The concert was given in the winter hall, which seats several hundred people. Master of Ceremonies Art Craig was forced to ask the audience to make less noise so that the musicians could perform.

The disturbance was caused not by the unruliness of the soldiers for whom the concert was given, but by civilian guests arriving late and taking seats right up at the front.

It is annoying at the best of times to have people disturbing your listening at concerts, but when they disturb the musicians it is just too bad.

A number of concert houses refuse to seat late-comers at concerts. Others request tardy guests to wait in the lobby until the pause between numbers. That, of course, is a little extreme in the case of the concert Thursday night. But civilians, who taken advantage of the generosity of the musicians, should show the ordinary good manners and common gratitude to arrive on time. If they are not available late, it is too much to ask them to wait until the proper time to take a seat.

BEN S. PLUMER HEADS WHEAT POOL AGAIN

Ben S. Plumer, of Bassano, was re-elected chairman of the board of directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool at Calgary on December 8, and E. H. Keith, of Scrimshaw, was re-elected vice-chairman. The central committee of the board consists of the chairman, vice-chairman and G. G. Coyle of Nanton. Mr. Plumer, a director for twenty years, was first elected chairman a year ago. He succeeded George Benne of Mannville.

Besides monopolizing power, more, many weeds use up twice as much nitrogen, phosphoric acid, and potash as does a wheat plant. Wheat plant, states the National Weed Committee. Weeds also increase the cost of labor and equipment and greatly increase the cost of preparing crop products for both animal and human consumption. Weeds in cereals not only lower the value of the grain but they reduce the value of land. They are also hard on machinery and cause the use of more binder twine than is required to harvest clean crops. They harbor insect pests and fungus diseases. While, with labor shortage, it may not be possible to give the attention needed for cultivation, it is possible not to aggravate the situation by sowing seed contaminated with weed seeds.

Canadians consumed smaller quantities of alcoholic beverages during the fiscal year ended March 31, 1944, than in the preceding 13 months, but consumed considerably more than in 1938-39, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported in Ottawa recently.

Apparently consumption of spirituous liquor during the fiscal year ended March 31 amounted to 3,443,710 proof gallons, compared with 4,729,859 in the preceding year and 4,433,664 in 1938-39. Consumption of malt liquor totaled 70,709,847 gallons, compared with 97,010,249 in 1942-43 and 63,302,732 in 1938-39, while the consumption of native and imported wines amounted to 3,093,946 gallons, compared with 4,627,567 in 1942-43 and 3,461,807 in 1938-39.

SEEDTIME AND HARVEST

DR. E. W. NEATBY
Director
Liaison Service
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Unnecessary Loss
Stinking smut of wheat is increasing at an alarming rate. In the inspection year, August 1st, 1944, to July 31st, 1944, 263 cars graded 'smutty'. The year before, only 157. This year, from August 1st to December 17th, only four and a half months, 347 cars have been classed 'smutty'.

Farmers would be wise to remember the following facts:
1. Thatcher is more susceptible to stinking smut than any of the well known varieties except Red Bobs and Reward.
2. Cold soil provides favourable conditions for the development of the disease. Very early sowing and cold weather after seeding increase the likelihood of smut in the crop if the seed is smutty.
3. A farmer may get by with straight grade wheat for years in spite of the presence of a smut. Then, due to a gradual increase of the disease or a sudden change in the soil, particularly favourable conditions, he may suffer a loss of about \$200.00 per acre as a result of smut.

4. Stinking smut causes loss in yields as well as in grade.
5. Treatment with a mercurial dust, costs about 5 cents, plus labour and equipment, per bushel of seed.
6. Formula often seriously retards and weakens germination and, thus, encourages weeds and reduces yields.
7. Seed treated with a properly carried out, will control the disease.

All Line Elevator grain buyers can obtain copies of a printed leaflet giving more complete information. Ask for one.

DISASTER IN AUSTRALIA

(The Budget)

The Australian drought of 1944 has been termed a national disaster by William Seilly, Minister of Agriculture and Commerce. In scope and intensity, this drought, with the terrible droughts experienced in 1914 and 1915, the wheat crop of Victoria is a complete failure, while those of South Australia and New South Wales are very poor. A bill has been introduced into the Commonwealth parliament to grant approximately \$4,575,000 to growers of cereal crops who have suffered hardship.

A young wife, wishing to announce the birth of her first child to a friend in a distant city, telegraphed:

"Israh 9:6." Which passage begins: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."

Her friend, unfamiliar with the scriptures, said to her husband:

"Margaret evidently has a boy who weighs nine pounds and six ounces, but why on earth did they name him Israh!"

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STOP PUSHING, LADIES

The New York Times carried an advertisement on November 26 for Saks, Fifth Avenue, one of the big departmental stores, offering "the largest and finest collection of rare natural Russian sable ever assembled by any furrier, an exhibition of 3,963 skins." These are being made up in the store's Fur Salon, but before you rush to send in your order, the following prices should be studied carefully. "Single skins range from \$189 to \$1,750, for a few of the very best. Sables from \$2,500. Jackets from \$8,000. Coats from \$15,000." There is also a 20 per cent Federal Excise Tax to be paid, so that all in all, one of these sable coats would knock quite a hole in the income of most ordinary people.

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Training and Education— Doorways to Opportunity

SOCIAL SECURITY MEASURES

In planning Canada's re-establishment program, its framers worked with one principal idea in mind. This was that the only answer to the problem of permanent re-establishment is a job, and that the surest way to get and hold that job is by the skill necessary for it.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Every ex-service man or woman who will be assisted in re-establishment by the government is eligible to have it. There is provision for paying fees for all courses and, in addition, the ex-service man or woman may receive maintenance grants up to:

- \$60 monthly if single;
- \$80 monthly for a man and his wife, together with children's allowances.

This training is available for the period of service to a maximum of one year, but can be extended beyond that period, if necessary, and if service is more than one year.

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

This is available to all who are admitted to university within 15 months of discharge and, as in vocational training, fees are paid and there are maintenance allowances up to:

- \$60 monthly for a single man;
- \$80 monthly for a man and his wife, together with allowances for dependent children.

These allowances will be continued on a month for month basis of the time in the services, providing all examinations are passed. Outstanding students may have assistance continued to completion of the course.

SOCIAL SECURITY MEASURES

Under the re-establishment program Canada's veterans who, within 18 months of discharge from the services, become ill or unemployed may draw maintenance allowances up to \$50 if single and \$70 for a man and his wife, together with children's allowances. The out-of-work benefits are for those together with children's allowances. The out-of-work benefits are for those fit and able to work, but for whom there is no work immediately available. In the case of serious illness there is free treatment and hospitalization for any condition in the year following discharge.

As a further security measure, every veteran who enters insurable employment is entitled, after 13 weeks in that employment, to unemployment insurance credit as though the whole period in the services since July 1, 1941, had been spent in the insurable employment.

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